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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members
FROM: Carl Osaki, Member
RE: Approval of Revised Environmental Justice Guidelines

Background and Summary:

At the June 13, 2001 Board meeting, the Board approved a set of environmental justice guidelines as part of its adoption of the final report and recommendation of the Environmental Justice Committee.

In accordance with Strategy 1 under Recommendation 3 of the final report, Board staff requested community participation in finalizing the guidelines. Requests for comment went to an extensive number of environmental justice contacts, including Department of Health staff, Department of Ecology staff, community members, community-based organizations, and business and industry representatives. Board staff received comment from several parties. In response to these comments and public comment received at the June 13, 2001 Board meeting, Board staff revised the environmental justice guidelines with the goal of improving clarity and aiding interpretation without significantly changing the guidelines' substance.

Recommended Board Motion:

The State Board of Health approves the revised environmental justice guidelines and directs that these revisions be included in the Board's final report on environmental justice.